THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): The religion-wise percentage increase or decrease in population during 1991—2001 cannot be woked-out as details of population by religion as per 2001 Census has not yet been compiled.

Special courts in Tihar Jail

4444. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Delhi Jail authorities have *inter-alia* proposed for holding of special courts in the Tihar Jail so as to curtail the expenditure and the difficulties on transportation of under trials from Jail to courts and back; and

(b) whether it has also been proposed introduction of video conference between Magistrates and undertrials to reduce the cost?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) A proposal in this regard submitted by the Jail Administration to the Hon'ble Chief Justice of Delhi High Court has been converted into a Civil Writ Petition and the matter is *sub-judice*.

(b) The Delhi High Court has directed the Government to amend section 167 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 so as to enable the Central Jail, Tihar to produce undertrial prisoners/accused before the Magistrate through the Video Linkage System for extension of their remand.

Subversive activities of NGO working with the Tihar inmates

4445. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the news-item captioned "NGO stoking on communal passions in Tihar Jail" appearing in *Hindustan Times* on 2nd April, 2002;

(b) whether it is true that an NGO working with Tihar inmate is indulging in subversive activities and inflammatory write-ups are being circulated among Thiar inmates;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether an enquiry has been conducted in the matter, it so, the findings thereof; and

(e) what action is contemplated against the culprits?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (c) The enquiries conducted in this regard revealed that the anonymous complaint received by the Additional Sessions Judge was false and frivolous. No action is, therefore, proposed against the NGO named in the anonymous complaint.

Increase in number of Jhuggies near Sarojini Nagar and Laxminarain Temple in NDMC area

4446. CHAUDHARY HARMOHAN SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the NDMC are aware that the number of Jhuggies behind newly constructed NDMC Flats Palika Gram Phase-I, Sarojini Nagar and also over the near by Laxminarain Temple is constantly multiplying as a result the atmosphere of these areas has got polluted;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether NDMC/Government propose to do plantation thereafter removing these jhuggies and raising barbed wire fencing in fixed time-frame; and

(d) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor and what steps Government propose to take for keeping these areas clean and green?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) and (b) There exists a jhuggi-jhopri cluster known as Majdoor Camp in this area. However, as and when it comes to the notice of the civic authorities that any new jhuggi has come up in the area, it is removed.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. NDMC have planned to secure the land in question as soon as the present jhuggi-dwellers and relocated.